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28 January 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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FROM [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Letter to JCS for access to records.

1. The attachment is written for Colonel White's signature; so I had better back up and tell you how I arrived at this point.

2. I talked on the telephone with the JCS Chief Historian, Mr. Wilber Hoare, and told him of my historical project and of my wish to obtain access to such JCS records of 1942-1947 as pertain to the subject. He told me to submit a written request signed by "a high official" of the Agency; he said: "I foresee no difficulty." He also remarked that my request would be "the first JCS experience with a CIA request for access to JCS records in an historical context." Subsequently, I read over the phone to Mr. Hoare the core of the attached letter, and he found it satisfactory.

3. In the process of determining the format of this letter I was put in touch with [REDACTED] in Colonel White's office; he thought that Dr. Ehrmann should see the letter and that it should be submitted for Colonel White's signature. [REDACTED] also found the letter acceptable.

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12 MAR 1971

Brigadier General Joseph K. Bratton
Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Joint Secretariat
Room 2 E 935, The Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear General Bratton:

We are presently writing, for our internal use only, a classified history of the establishment of the Agency. It will cover the years 1939 to 1947 and will trace the events leading, first to the establishment of the Office of the Coordinator of Information (COI) in 1941, then to the replacement of COI by the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in 1942, and finally to the birth of the Agency in 1947.

For several of these years, of course, OSS was subordinate to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and members of the JCS quite clearly played vital parts in the postwar institutional debates and developments that culminated in the National Security Act of 1947. For this reason, JCS records are pertinent to any serious student of Agency origins.

I understand [redacted] of this Agency has been in touch with Mr. Wilber Hoare, the JCS Chief Historian, regarding this project. Mr. [redacted] is cleared to receive all information up to and including Top Secret. It is requested that [redacted] be authorized access to JCS records appropriate to this history.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

L. K. White
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agency Request for Access to JCS Records

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